

**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q87625

Takehiro MIWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/532,605

Group Art Unit: 1651

Confirmation No.: 9927

Examiner: Lora Elizabeth Barnhart

Filed: August 18, 2005

For: METHOD FOR DIGESTING PROTEINS HIGHLY RESISTANT TO DENATURATION  
AND DEGRADATION

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 4, 2007 from November 4, 2007 to December 4, 2007.

The statutory fee of \$120.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

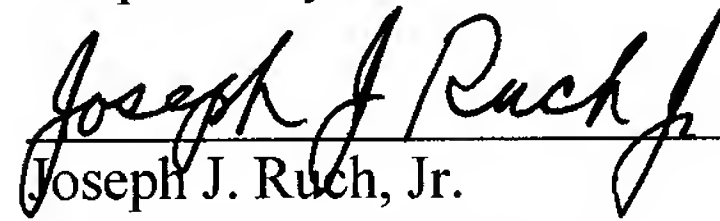
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